

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Butler for the indicated allowability of Claims 1, 2, 5, 11 and 12.

Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14 directed to the non-elected species have been canceled.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

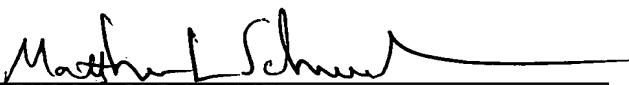
Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful

in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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